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BRIEFING SHEET -- WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS

Tenure of Program: Since 1964.

Purpose & Eligibility: Especially promising young leaders are identified. Aim is to provide them with a year of exposure to, involvement with, and education in the making of public policy and the exercise of public leadership. Excludes civilian Federal Government employees; however, career military personnel may be selected, but not assigned to an Agency where they may serve during military careers.

Selection: Ages 23 to 36, U.S. citizens, nationwide competition. Not more than nineteen individuals selected.

Current White House Fellows: Include a Lieutenant Colonel, USA, the Conductor and Musical Director of the Colorado Springs Symphony Orchestra, attorneys, assistant professors, and the Jerusalem bureau chief of the Los Angeles Times.

Timing: White House Fellows will be named by President on 23 May 1977, and potential principals (DCI-Admiral Turner) will interview them during the period 20-24 June. At the end of the week of 24 June, agencies should know whether they will or will not be assigned a White House Fellow. Fellowships run from 1 September through 31 August.

Assignments: Each assigned, typically as special assistant to the Vice President, a member of the Cabinet, the head of an independent Executive Branch agency, or a principal member of the President's staff. Actual nature of assignment varies with particular talents and interests of the Fellow. Ideally, by end of year, most Fellows will have written speeches, attended conferences, supervised staff work, reviewed or helped draft proposed legislation, answered Congressional inquiries, chaired meetings, drafted reports, conducted briefings, etc.

Background: This Agency has never had a White House Fellow, but the matter was raised with Mr. Bush, who advised the Director of the Commission on White House Fellowships that this Agency would be willing to accept a White House Fellow. Mr. Knoche, while stating that he could not speak for Mr. Bush's successor, stated to the Director of the Commission that he believed that Mr. Bush's successor would share his interest in participating in this program.

Recent correspondence and brochure attached.

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PRESIDENT'S
COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

January 28, 1977

Dear Mr. Knoche:

Thank you for your letter of January 21, in response to mine addressed to then-Director-designate Sorensen. When a new Director is confirmed, I should appreciate your bringing him or her up-to-date on our correspondence and conversations.

The 1977-78 White House Fellows will be named by the President on May 23, 1977, and will be interviewed by potential principals (including, I trust, the Director of Central Intelligence) during the period June 20-24. At the end of that week, and certainly not later than the following Monday morning, all assignments of the new White House Fellows should be completed. Your Director would, in other words, know if he or she had a Fellow, and, if so, which one, by that date, and your processing procedures could begin at once.

Since, given the change in administrations, I anticipate that there will be a new Director of this Commission by April, when our placement and assignment interview details are usually worked out, I will ask him to call Mr. Janney to work out those mechanics at that time.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter. The idea of having a White House Fellow assigned to the Director of Central Intelligence is very exciting to me, and I hope and trust it can all be successfully worked out.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Bruce H. Hasenkamp

Director

Mr. E. H. Knoche Acting Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

21 January 1977

Mr. Bruce H. Hasenkamp
Director
President's Commission on
White House Fellowships
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Hasenkamp:

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'n,

Thank you for your letter of 7 January 1977 to Mr. Sorensen concerning the assignment of a White House Fellow to the Director of Central Intelligence.

First, I would like to say that we are very impressed with the selection criteria and membership in the White House Fellowship Program. Also, I share Mr. Bush's feeling that such an assignment to this Agency would be beneficial to the selected White House Fellow, the Director, and the Agency. As you may have gathered from your discussions with Mr. Ben Evans, our Executive Secretary, there are certain security, medical and personnel processing procedures which may take somewhat longer to complete than may be the case with processing for other Government entities. With this in mind, we would appreciate receiving a nomination as soon as practicable. Obviously, I cannot speak for Mr. Bush's successor, but I believe that we can proceed on the assumption that he will share my interest in participating in this very worthwhile program.

Mr. Fred Janney, our Director of Personnel, will be glad to work out the mechanics of processing your nominee and to discuss this matter further with you. He can be reached on or IDS Code

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We appreciate your writing to us concerning this program and look forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

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E. H. Knoche Acting Director



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THE WHITE HOUSE

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January 7, 1977

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Congratulations upon your selection by President-elect Carter to be the Director of Central Intelligence. The Chairman and members of this Commission and the White House Fellows join me in extending best wishes to you as you prepare to assume your new role of service to the American people.

The White House Fellowship program, as you may know, was established in 1964 by President Johnson for the purpose of identifying especially promising young leaders, and providing them, early in their careers, with a year of exposure to, involvement with, and education in the making of public policy and the exercise of public leadership.

Fellows are selected through a nationwide competition, and serve for one year. Although they are Presidential appointees, the Fellows and the program administration, including the selection process and the membership of this Commission, are strictly non-partisan. The current class, like their predecessor groups, includes Democrats, Republicans and independents.

The Fellows as a group participate in a wide-ranging program of seminars with leaders and opinion-makers in both the public and private sectors. (I enclose, for your information, a list of last year's seminars.) This broad examination of leadership and issues is focused more particularly through each Fellow's assignment, to the personal staff of the Vice President, members of the Cabinet, heads of major agencies, and principal members of the President's staff. A list of the 1976-77 Fellows and their assignments is enclosed, along with two copies of our current brochure, which more fully describes the program and features biographies of the current Fellows.

Although a White House Fellow has never been assigned to the Director of Central Intelligence during the past twelve years, George Bush and I have discussed the idea several times in recent months. We both feel that such an assignment would be enormously beneficial, to the White House Fellow, to the Director, and to the Agency, and we made preliminary plans for the Director to participate in interviewing

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the 1977-78 White House Fellows, after they are named by the President in May. I hope you will share George's enthusiasm for the idea, and that we can continue to plan for possible assignment of a Fellow from the next class to you.

Mr. B.C. Evans and I have discussed some of the mechanics and logistics that would be involved in placement of a Fellow with you. I will be in touch with you in April about the precise procedures and to answer any questions you have about the program.

Congratulations again! I look forward to working with you, and hope you will call me whenever the Fellowship office may be of assistance to you. I also hope that it will be possible for you to meet with the 1976-77 class of Fellows sometime after you are confirmed, as a major part of their education in government.

Sificerely yours,

Bruce H. Hasenkamp

Director

Mr. Theodore C. Sorensen
Director-Designate of
Central Intelligence
Office of the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Peter Bourne Carter-Mondale Transition Group

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FELLOW: "ASSIGNED TO:

Raoul H. Alcala Federal Energy Administrator

Charles A. Ansbacher Secretary of Transportation

W. Anderson Barnes Director of the United States Arms Control

and Disarmament Agency

David J. Cleary Administrator of the Agency for

International Development

Geraldine V. Cox Secretary of Labor

Marie T. Dias Secretary of Health, Education and

Welfare

William J. Drummond . Deputy Secretary of State

Walter M. Fiederowicz The Attorney General

Donald H. Haider. Director of the Office of Management ...

and Budget

Gail E. Klapper Secretary of the Interior :

Kai N. Lee Secretary of Defense

Susan B. Magee Secretary of the Treasury

Mary Lynn Myers Secretary of Commerce

Jane G. Pisano Assistant to the President for National

Security Affairs

Judy M. Rosenstreich Energy Research and Development

Administrator

Lynn A. Schenk The Vice President

Director of Personnel

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Would you please follow through on Ben Evans' note, attached, and prepare a note for Mr. Knoche's use in briefing Admiral Turner on the assignment of White House Fellows to the Agency.

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